

149 Report For Junior 5 At Wakefield

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The Wakefield Junior High School Warriors will begin practice next week, to make their 1955 bid for the Arlington junior high school basketball title from the defending champions, Thomas Jefferson.

Mort Irwin, who will coach this season's cagers, announced that some 149 boys have registered for drills to be held starting next Wednesday. Of this number, 51 are ninth grade students, and 47 are seventh graders. The squad will be comprised of approximately five players from each grade level.

With the present number and size of the material out thus far, coach Irwin feels that the team will far surpass last year's record of 0 and 6. John Crump and Dave Lockland, both varsity returnees from the 1954 squad will lend their height and speed to this year's cagers. Along with Crump and Lockland, Frank Homan, Jim Simpson, and Ronnie Lee, all of whom saw action with this year's football eleven, will try to find a position with the '55 basketball squad. Fifteen candidates have played recreation ball during the past year.

Under the new athletic policy, which allows a limited number of organizational practices during the month of December, except over the Christmas holidays, Irwin is starting sessions later than other schools to cut down on the period of idle time between the organizational sessions, and the official practices which may begin on or later than January 3. Wakefield's first game will be played on January 14 against Stratford.